

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

June 5, 2006
Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Randy Corman called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

Mayor Pro Tem RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; MARCIE PALMER; TERRI BRIERE; DENIS LAW; DAN CLAWSON; TONI NELSON, Council President Pro Tem.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

LINDA HERZOG, Interim Assistant to the CAO; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; REBECCA LIND, Planning Manager; BEN WOLTERS, Economic Development Director; MICHAEL BAILEY, Finance and Information Services Administrator; DON ERICKSON, Senior Planner; COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Linda Herzog, Interim Assistant to the CAO, reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2006 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ The first "Catch a Special Thrill" Charity Bass Tournament was held June 3rd and 4th at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. The event was hosted by the C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation, and all proceeds go toward providing a chance for disabled and disadvantaged children to go fishing for a day at events sponsored by the foundation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Annexation: Hudson, Benson
Rd S & SE 168th St

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Pro Tem Corman opened the public hearing to consider the 60% Petition to Annex and future zoning for the proposed Hudson Annexation; 14.6 acres (including streets) located in the vicinity of SE 168th St. and Benson Rd. S.

Senior Planner Don Erickson stated that the site contains 19 single-family homes, 152 multi-family units, and at least one vacant parcel. The western portion of the site is relatively flat, and the eastern portion slopes towards Soos Creek. He noted that staff recommends the use of King County's 2005 Surface Water Design Manual standards, or greater, at the time of development. Mr. Erickson indicated that the site is within Fire District #40, Soos Creek Water and Sewer District, and the Renton School District.

Continuing, Mr. Erickson stated that the site is currently zoned R-8 (eight dwelling units per gross acre), R-12, and R-18 in King County. Renton's Comprehensive Plan designates the area as Residential Single Family and Residential Medium Density, for which R-8 (eight dwelling units per net acre) and R-10 zoning is proposed. He pointed out that staff will conduct a more detailed analysis of the area's land use designations in the near future to reflect some of the current uses. Mr. Erickson noted that the fiscal impact analysis indicates a deficit of \$52,349 at full development due to the area already being significantly developed, and an estimated one-time parks acquisition and development cost of \$138,108.

Concluding, Mr. Erickson reported that the proposed annexation is generally consistent with City policies and relevant Boundary Review Board objectives. He indicated that surface water costs are estimated at \$3,258 annually, and the City will be responsible for the cost of a traffic signal and other improvements at the intersection of 108th Ave. SE and SE 168th St.

Responding to Councilman Clawson's inquiries, Mr. Erickson stated that the multi-family housing consists of garden apartments and fourplexes. He explained that signers of the petition agree to future zoning consistent with the Comprehensive Plan; however, that does not preclude the City from revising the Comprehensive Plan to better reflect the character of the area. Mr. Erickson confirmed that the apartments will become legal non-conforming uses, and that the fiscal impact is a share of all of the City's costs.

Public comment was invited.

Mrs. Ralph Shafar, 1709 SE 29th St., Renton, 98055, indicated her support for the annexation as it will provide City boundary continuity.

Inez Petersen, 3306 Lake Washington Blvd. N., #3, Renton, 98056, objected to having to provide her personal information, claiming that it violates RCW 42.30.040. Noting the Highlands area redevelopment zoning proposal, she cautioned citizens to beware of Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Kristen Harris, 10945 SE 168th St., Renton, 98058, stated that she was a member of the Renton Chamber of Commerce board of directors, and is impressed with how Renton conducts itself as a City and as a business. Ms. Harris voiced her favor for the annexation, saying she supports the squaring off of the boundaries, and Renton's quicker emergency response times. Additionally, she noted that King County encourages annexation of unincorporated areas to local governments.

Greg Boldt, 16801 108th Ave. SE, Renton, 98055, stated that he initially supported the annexation, but now has concerns regarding the zoning. Pointing out that R-8 zoning is proposed for his R-12-zoned property, he expressed concern regarding what he can do with his property prior to the City's future evaluation of the area's zoning, and concern that his property will initially lose value.

Mr. Erickson noted the discrepancy between current King County zoning and Renton zoning based upon its Comprehensive Plan. Planning Manager Rebecca Lind stated that the City will be reviewing Comprehensive Plan policy for the entire Soos Creek area. She indicated that any person can apply for a Comprehensive Plan amendment.

Dr. Richard Quinn, 16655 108th Ave. SE, 98055, expressed concern about traffic safety issues at SE 168th St. and Benson Rd. S., and encouraged the City to pursue improvements and traffic signal installation at that intersection as soon as possible. Dr. Quinn also expressed concern about water drainage issues. Voicing his support for the annexation, he pointed out that Renton responds faster to emergencies than King County. In response to Dr. Quinn's question regarding the zoning of neighborhood businesses, Ms. Lind stated that they will become legal non-conforming.

In response to Councilman Clawson's inquiry, City Attorney Larry Warren explained that State law does not require anyone to sign up or identify themselves to attend a public meeting. He stated that *Robert's Rules of Order*

governs how meetings will be conducted, and it indicates that the body may adopt rules of conduct and decorum for its meetings. Mr. Warren pointed out that Council Policy #800-06, Rules of Debate, Decorum, Voting Requirements and Procedures, requires speakers addressing the Council to state their name and address for the record. Mr. Warren confirmed that citizens do not need to provide a name and address as a precondition for attending the meeting.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL: ACCEPT THE HUDSON 60% DIRECT PETITION TO ANNEX; CONSIDER R-8 ZONING FOR THOSE PORTIONS DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY AND R-10 ZONING FOR THOSE PORTIONS DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY; AND AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUBMIT THE NOTICE OF INTENT PACKAGE TO THE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD, INVOKE JURISDICTION AT THE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION OF EXPANDING THE ANNEXATION, AND PREPARE THE NECESSARY ANNEXATION ORDINANCES. CARRIED.

Annexation: Perkins, SE 95th
Pl & 128th Ave SE

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Pro Tem Corman opened the public hearing to consider the 60% Petition to Annex and R-4 zoning for the proposed Perkins Annexation; 15.47 acres (including the abutting street right-of-way) generally bounded by Union Ave. NE on the east, SE 95th Way, if extended, on the north, SE 96th St., if extended, on the south, and 128th Ave. SE, if extended, on the west.

Senior Planner Don Erickson reported that three single-family dwellings exist on the site, which slopes to the north with a 65-foot elevation change between the northern and southern boundaries. The site is served by Fire District #25, Renton water and sewer, and the Renton School District. Mr. Erickson relayed that the Planning/Building/Public Works Department recommends the use of King County's 2005 Surface Water Design Manual standards at the time of development, and notes that surface water mitigation costs are estimated at \$4,040 per year. The Parks Division notes a deficiency of developed recreational opportunities in the area, and estimates a one-time park development fee of \$15,213.

Mr. Erickson explained that current King County zoning for the area is R-4 (four dwelling units per gross acre), and Renton's Comprehensive Plan designates the area as Residential Low Density, for which R-4 (four dwelling units per net acre) zoning is probable. He noted that clustered development is permitted. Mr. Erickson stated that the fiscal impact analysis indicates a surplus of \$11,403 at full development.

In conclusion, Mr. Erickson reported that the annexation proposal is generally consistent with City policies and Boundary Review Board (BRB) criteria. In addition to acceptance of the petition and submittal of the annexation to the BRB, Mr. Erickson indicated that staff recommends invocation of the BRB's jurisdiction to expand the annexation boundaries to the south to include Sierra Heights Elementary School.

Economic Development Administrator Alex Pietsch suggested that the invocation of the BRB's jurisdiction not be limited to include only the school, but allow expansion of the annexation area's boundaries generally. Council discussion ensued regarding a general annexation boundary expansion, the notification of affected parties, the BRB's public hearing process, and the possibility of referring the topic of the boundary expansion to the Planning and Development Committee.

Public comment was invited.

Inez Petersen, 3306 Lake Washington Blvd. N., #3, Renton, 98056, noted that City policy does not outrank State law. She indicated that affected parties' property taxes may increase as a result of being annexed, and that properties may become legal non-conforming.

Dan McFarling, 9636 132nd Ave SW, Renton, 98056, pointed out that he owns one of the three houses in the annexation area. He expressed his opposition to the annexation, saying that he does not want to be a part of the City of Renton.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ACCEPT THE PERKINS 60% DIRECT PETITION TO ANNEX, AND AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUBMIT THE NOTICE OF INTENT PACKAGE TO THE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD, INVOKE THE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD'S JURISDICTION TO CONSIDER EXPANDING THIS ANNEXATION, AND PREPARE THE NECESSARY ORDINANCES FOR POSSIBLE ANNEXATION AND FUTURE R-4 ZONING. CARRIED.

Utility: Sewer Moratorium in
East Renton Plateau PAA

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Pro Tem Corman opened the public hearing to consider extending the moratorium on sewer availabilities for new subdivisions within the East Renton Plateau Potential Annexation Area (PAA) for an additional six months. The current moratorium expires 6/5/2006.

Planning Manager Rebecca Lind explained that the moratorium was enacted in June 2005 in response to a citizens group, Citizens' Alliance for a Responsible Evendell (CARE). The moratorium prevents the issuance of sewer availabilities that allow property owners to vest for development under King County standards. She pointed out that CARE submitted its annexation petition to the City in November 2005.

Ms. Lind stated that since the last moratorium extension in December 2005, the Boundary Review Board (BRB) has scheduled the issue for a public hearing on June 14th and 15th. She noted that five to six property owners have been in informal discussions with sewer utility staff regarding sewer service applications.

Continuing, Ms. Lind explained that the boundary designated by the annexation petition does not include the entire PAA. However, staff recommends that the moratorium continue to cover the entire East Renton Plateau PAA because some property owners outside the petition boundary may want to be added. Additionally, the BRB has the authority to modify the annexation area by five percent of its proposed acreage, and there is no indication which areas may be

either included or excluded. Ms. Lind reviewed the differences between the Renton and King County development standards for the area, noting that Renton does not allow multi-family uses.

Ms. Lind reported that once the BRB makes its decision, King County will set the annexation election date within 30 days. She noted that the earliest possible election date is November 2006 or in early 2007. In conclusion, she stated that staff recommends that Council extend the existing sewer moratorium for an additional six months.

Councilman Persson said he sympathizes with developers who are willing to develop to Renton standards, but cannot do so under King County regulations. He suggested that Council send a letter to the King County Council in efforts to resolve the development issues.

Economic Development Administrator Pietsch indicated that the Administration has had extensive discussions with King County about the need for an interlocal agreement that addresses these issues. He noted that even if King County were willing to enter into an interlocal agreement, the agreement process may take longer than this particular annexation process. However, Mr. Pietsch pointed out that an interlocal agreement that covers Renton's entire PAA is needed; therefore, a letter from Council would be helpful.

Public comment was invited.

Gwendolyn High, President of CARE, 13405 158th Ave. SE, Renton, 98059, indicated that although CARE is doing everything it can to move forward with the annexation, the process is at a standstill until the BRB holds its public hearing. She encouraged the City to keep pursuing the interlocal agreement with King County, pointing out that CARE has also been working on this matter as a parallel effort. Ms. High urged Council to extend the moratorium.

Garrett Huffman, South King County Manager of the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties, 335 116th Ave. SE, Bellevue, 98004, voiced his objection to the sewer moratorium extension. He emphasized that affected parties are frustrated with not being able to develop in the area, and he recommended letting the moratorium lapse so they can move forward with their projects.

Inez Petersen, 3306 Lake Washington Blvd. N., #3, Renton, 98056, objected to having to provide her personal information. She pointed out that the City is involved with too many projects, and recommended that the City pull back and concentrate on just a few.

There being no further public comment, it was **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.** (See page 189 for resolution.)

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Crothamel -
Highlands Area
Redevelopment

Fred Crothamel, 2951 74th Ave. SE, Mercer Island, 98040, indicated that he submitted a letter regarding the Highlands area redevelopment, which is listed on the Council meeting agenda under Correspondence. Mr. Crothamel stated that he has initiated arrangements with a developer, and is waiting for the rezoning to take place and the moratorium to end so that he can carry out the City's vision for the Highlands area. He asked the City not to consider the use of eminent domain.

Mayor Pro Tem Corman expressed his belief that the City intends to complete the work on the rezone and lift the moratorium. He said at this point, the Council has expressed that it probably is not going forward with eminent domain.

Councilman Clawson countered that without eminent domain, property owners would be in a position to charge whatever they want for right-of-way, for example, if it were needed by the City or the State to expand a road. He noted that the City has not yet decided whether it will acquire properties for development, and stressed that the use of eminent domain is a last resort.

Citizen Comment: Petersen -
Highlands Area
Redevelopment

Inez Petersen, 3306 Lake Washington Blvd. N., #3, Renton, 98056, expressed concern regarding the City's potential use of eminent domain, saying that if a declaration of blight is adopted for the Highlands area, eminent domain becomes a tool. She emphasized that she not want that tool to be used.

Councilman Clawson pointed out that if not for eminent domain, I-405 and the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport would not exist. He stressed that the City has no intention of taking land for private use, which is prohibited by law. Mr. Clawson indicated that the City is considering the assemblage of properties for the purpose of preserving affordable housing and improving the housing stock in the Highlands area, which is a public purpose. He stated that property would not be acquired without just compensation and without going through the proper process. Mr. Clawson expressed his hope that the City would never have to condemn anyone's property.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of
5/8/2006

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 5/8/2006. Council concur.

Council Meeting Minutes of
5/15/2006

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 5/15/2006. Council concur.

Council Meeting Minutes of
5/22/2006

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 5/22/2006. Council concur.

Appointment: Airport
Advisory Committee

Mayor Keolker reappointed the following individuals to the Airport Advisory Committee: Kennydale neighborhood primary representative Marleen Mandt, 1408 N. 26th St., Renton, 98056 (term expires 5/7/2009); Kennydale neighborhood alternate representative Colleen Ann Deal, 1415 N. 35th St., Renton, 98056 (term expires 5/7/2009); Highlands neighborhood primary representative Michael O'Halloran, 4420 SE 4th St., Renton, 98059 (term expires 5/7/2007); Talbot Hill neighborhood primary representative Jennifer Ann Rutkowski, 515 S. 47th St., Renton, 98055 (term expires 5/7/2008); Talbot Hill neighborhood alternate representative Beverly Freer, 1300 S. Puget Sound Dr., Apt. 231, Renton, 98055 (term expires 5/7/2008); South Renton neighborhood primary representative Robert Moran, 425 Wells Ave. S., Renton, 98055 (term expires 5/7/2008); West Hill neighborhood primary representative Roger Lewis, 415 Seneca Ave. SW, Renton, 98055 (term expires 5/7/2009); Renton Hill/Monterey Terrace neighborhood primary representative Michael Schultz, 150 Monterey Dr. NE, Renton, 98056 (term expires 5/7/2007); Airport Leaseholders primary representative Michael Rice, Aerodyne LLC, 300 Airport Way, Suite 100, Renton, 98055 (term expires 5/7/2008); Airport Leaseholders alternate representative Kurt Boswell,

Bosair, LLC, 289 E. Perimeter Rd., Renton, 98055 (term expires 5/7/2008); Airport-at-Large primary representatives Greg Garner, 1209 Lincoln Pl. NE, Renton, 98056 (term expires 5/7/2009) and Diane Paholke, 325 Edmonds Ave. SE, Renton, 98056 (term expires 5/7/2007); Airport-at-Large alternate representatives Michael Rogan, 2055 Killarney Way, Bellevue, 98004 (term expires 5/7/2009) and Kenneth Whitfield, 15125 SE 145th Pl., Renton, 98059 (term expires 5/7/2007); The Boeing Company representative Jan Fedor, 1245 Sunrise Pl. SE, Issaquah, 98027 (term expires 5/7/2008); Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association primary representative Jeffrey Davis, 10012 64th Ave. S., Seattle, 98176 (term expires 5/7/2009); and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association alternate representative Karen Stemwell, PO Box 3365, Renton, 98056 (term expires 5/7/2009). Council concur.

Vacation: N 38th St, Tasca,
VAC-06-002

City Clerk submitted petition for street vacation for portion of N. 38th St., between Meadow Ave. N. and I-405; petitioner James G. Tasca, 14806 SE Jones Pl., Renton, 98058. Refer to Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; set public hearing on 6/26/2006 to consider the petition. (See page 189 for resolution setting public hearing.)

Lease: Engenio Information
Technologies, 200 Mill Bldg
(3rd Floor), LAG-00-002

Community Services Department recommended approval of an amendment to the lease with Engenio Information Technologies, Inc. for the 3rd floor of the 200 Mill Building to extend the lease for an additional year. Refer to Finance Committee.

Streets: Hoquiam Ave NE
Temporary Closure

Development Services Division recommended approval of the temporary closure of Hoquiam Ave. NE (NE 7th Pl. to NE 9th St.) for three to five days, June 26 to June 30, 2006, for Wedgewood Lane Division II plat-related construction. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

Plat: Parkside, Blaine Ave NE,
FP-06-047

Development Services Division recommended approval, with conditions, of the Parkside Final Plat; 15 single-family lots on 2.76 acres located at Blaine Ave. NE and NE 24th St. Council concur. (See page 189 for resolution.)

EDNSP: 2006 Neighborhood
Program Grants

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval to fund three projects and three newsletters totaling \$12,769 through its 2006 Neighborhood Grant Program, and approval to conduct a second round of funding with a deadline of 9/29/2006. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Comprehensive Plan: 2006
Amendments

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted proposed 2006 Comprehensive Plan amendments. Refer to Planning and Development Committee and Planning Commission.

Finance: Fiber Optic
Installation Projects Interlocal
Agreement

Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of an interlocal agreement with eastside agencies regarding sharing of fiber optic installation projects. Council concur. (See page 189 for resolution.)

Latecomer Agreement:
Penhallegon Associates,
Merrill Gardens @ Renton
Centre, LA-05-001

Planning/Building/Public Works Department recommended approval for a one-year extension (to 6/6/2007) of the preliminary approval for the Merrill Gardens @ Renton Center latecomer agreement request for a water main extension along Williams Ave. S. Council concur.

Latecomer Agreement:
Lakeridge Development,
Liberty Grove, LA-05-002

Planning/Building/Public Works Department recommended approval for a one-year extension (to 6/6/2007) of the preliminary approval for the Liberty Grove latecomer agreement request for sanitary sewer installation at SE 136th St. and 160th Ave. SE. Council concur.

Lease: AirO Inc, Airport
Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a lease with AirO, Inc. for portion of the 790 building and 17 adjacent parking stalls at the Airport, expiring 11/1/2013. Annual revenue is \$25,116. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

Lease: Boeing, Airport, LAG-65-877
Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Addendum #21 to LAG-65-877, Airport lease with The Boeing Company, which completes the leased area turnback, allows modification of the fire water system, and other provisions. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

CAG: 03-102, Sanitary Sewer Model/Inflow & Infiltration Program, Roth Hill Engineering Partners
Utility Systems Division recommended approval of Addendum No. 3 to CAG-03-102, contract with Roth Hill Engineering Partners, LLC, for additional work in the amount of \$48,200 and time extension to 12/31/2006 for the sanitary sewer model development and inflow and infiltration program project. Council concur.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Crothamel - Highlands Area Redevelopment

A letter was read from Fred Crothamel (owner and manager of Highlands-area properties), 2951 74th Ave. SE, Mercer Island, 98040, stating that to prevent a determination of blight, he is prepared to tear down his duplexes and triplexes and replace them with properties acceptable to the City's vision for the Highlands area. Councilmembers agreed to forward the letter to the Planning and Development Committee.

Citizen Comment: City of Bothell - Legislation Support re Crime Enforcement

A letter was read from City of Bothell Mayor Mark Lamb; Deputy Mayor Sandy Guinn; Councilmembers Patrick Ewing, Joshua Freed, Andrea Perry, Del Spivey, and Tim Tobin; and Police Chief Forrest Conover, 18305 101st Ave. NE, Bothell, 98011, asking Renton to support legislation that maintains or increases the level of narcotics enforcement, and enhances penalties for the crime of identity theft. Councilmembers agreed to forward the letter to the Administration.

Citizen Comment: Wesley - Airport History

Councilwoman Palmer reported receipt of a letter from Mary Lou Wesley, 10232 65th Ave. S., Seattle, 98178, requesting a written history of the Renton Municipal Airport. Ms. Palmer indicated that the letter will be forwarded to Renton Historical Museum staff.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Finance: Financial Policies & Investment Strategies

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending that Council adopt the following recommended changes to the City's Investment Policy:

- Providing for the evaluation of the performance of the City's investments using an appropriate index that reflects the profile of the City's portfolio as specified by the Investment Committee provided for below.
- The creation of an Investment Committee to be made up of the Mayor, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Finance and Information Services Administrator, and the Finance Committee chair or designee. The committee will meet quarterly to provide general review and direction of the City's investments program.
- Authority for the Investment Committee to hire an investment advisor.
- Clarifies that the Investment Officer will make investment decisions consistent with the direction of the Investment Committee.
- Eliminates a requirement that the portfolio contain a minimum of 30 percent U.S. Treasury instruments.

- Eliminates the requirement for the financial institution to participate in local and State finance associations.
- Eliminates quote requirements when placing funds with the Washington State Local Government Investment Pool.
- Creates a qualification of dealers authorized to do business with the City of Renton and provides that investment decisions will be made based on the best alignment with the goals of the City's investment program as defined by the Investment Committee.
- Lengthens the maximum investment term from four years to ten and adds a weighted average life limitation of 30 months (which can only be exceeded by unanimous concurrence of the Investment Committee).
- Modifies the diversification limits of the portfolio.
- Provides for a limitation on Federal agency debt.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Budget: 2006, Appropriating
Funds for New Programs &
Projects

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending adoption of an ordinance amending and increasing the 2006 Budget in the total amount of \$4,881,755 to appropriate funds for new programs and projects to meet the need of new circumstances and opportunities. The recommended amendments are:

Changes to the proposed ordinance include:

1. Add \$500,000 to the Police Department budget to resolve budget challenges with the cost of housing prisoners. This will enable the department to fill positions, including the previously authorized backfill positions, which were being held open to help offset jail cost overruns.
2. Eliminate the requested transfer of \$402,000 from Fund 316 to Fund 503, as this matter was resolved with the carry forward budget amendment.
3. Eliminate the \$637 adjustment requests in funds 403, 405, 406, and 407.
4. Adjust the amount of the Fund 220 year-end equity transfer to Fund 406 and budget authority to \$67,826.

Resulting actions:

1. Approve funds for the Mayor's Office reorganization in the amount of \$85,000.
2. Approve additional funds for the Finance and Information Services and Human Resources and Risk Management departments staffing needs by \$40,000 and \$10,000 respectively.
3. Approve an increase in the City Clerk Division budget for increases in costs for voter registration and elections as assessed by King County in the amount of \$40,950.
4. Decrease the appropriation for Human Services programs by \$42,760 as a consequence of decreased State funding.
5. Approve \$140,000 for aerial photography and topographic mapping.
6. Appropriate \$18,500 for the Fire Department employee wellness program as agreed to in labor agreements.
7. Appropriate \$32,000 to complete the Pest Management and Control program.
8. Increase the appropriation for professional services in the Hotel/Motel Fund by \$22,500 as provided for in approved contracts.

9. Authorize the transfer of \$67,826 from Local Improvement District Debt Service Fund 220 to Fund 406, Wastewater Utility. This represents an increase in the appropriation in Fund 220 of \$35,801.
10. Approve \$130,000 for completion of a Library Master Plan.
11. Increase the budget for construction of recreation center storage facilities by \$80,000 in order to construct a second storage building.
12. Approve an additional \$80,000 for improvements to outdoor lighting at the Henry Moses Aquatic Center.
13. Reduce the appropriation for inventories within the Water Utility Fund by \$25,000.
14. Authorize the transfer of \$3,264,850 from Fund 421, Water Utility Construction, to the Water Utility Fund, and increase the anticipated ending fund balance in the Water Utility Fund as a correction to the 2005 Budget amendment.
15. Appropriate \$29,793 in Fund 407, Surface Water Utility, and authorize the transfer to Fund 427, Surface Water Construction, as a correction to the 2005 Budget amendment.
16. Appropriate \$202,664 in Fund 451, Utility Bond Debt Service, and authorize the transfer to Fund 426, Wastewater Utility.
17. Appropriate \$20,000 in the Firemen's Pension Fund for the purpose of paying for necessary medical expenses for qualifying retired firefighters.

Lastly, the Committee wanted to retain flexibility in the reserve fund balances, within the General Government Funds totaling \$2.6 million and the CIP Fund (Fund 316) totaling \$3.2 million, rather than designating them for specific purposes. The Committee recommended that reserve fund balances remain undesignated, but be available for City needs, including:

- Providing additional funds for the Parks Maintenance Facility.
- Providing additional funds for needs in the Highlands area.
- Grant match for park improvements such as the Sam Chastain Trail and the Springbrook Trail extension.
- The potential need for additional funds to address the LEOFF 1 medical liability.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading.*

Councilman Persson explained that the Committee added the \$500,000 to the Police Department budget when it was discovered that the department was not filling police officer positions due to the deficit of what was owed for jail funding.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.

In response to Councilman Clawson's inquiry regarding Fund 503, Finance and Information Services Administrator Michael Bailey stated that it is the Information Services internal services fund. He explained that the City collects all the costs for technology systems in Fund 503, and then the costs are allocated back across City departments.

***MOTION CARRIED. (See page 190 for ordinance.)**

Transportation (Aviation) Committee

CAG: 04-013, North Renton Infrastructure Improvements, W&H Pacific

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to execute Supplement Agreement #6 with W&H Pacific, Inc. in the amount of \$468,873.95 for additional design services and on-call services for design for the South Lake Washington Roadway Improvements Project. Until Fund 318 (South Lake Washington Infrastructure Project Fund) is approved, including the bond for The Landing project, the design project can continue to use Fund 317 current unexpended 2006 appropriations. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation: S 3rd St at Shattuck Ave S, WSDOT Grant

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation and all subsequent WSDOT grant agreements necessary for a \$200,000 Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety grant for the S. 3rd St. at Shattuck Ave. S. project. The Committee further recommended adoption of the resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 190 for resolution.)

Utilities Committee

Finance: Utility Tax Exemption

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding utility tax rebates. The Committee recommended adoption of the ordinance creating a utility tax relief program consisting of the following:

- Utility tax relief is granted to residents of the City who qualify with the same qualification criteria used for the reduced utility rates program under City Code 8-4-31.C.
- The amount of relief to be granted is \$110 per year prorated for the number of months a qualifying citizen resides in the City of Renton.
- The amount of relief will be adjusted administratively by the cost of living each year.
- The administration of the program shall be the responsibility of the Finance and Information Services Department Administrator.
- Persons qualifying for the reduced utility rates program will be automatically enrolled, while others may apply to enroll

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Responding to Councilman Clawson's request, Finance and Information Services Department Administrator Bailey explained that the program will allow the City to rebate back a standard amount of \$110 per year of the utility taxes that are typically passed on by utilities to the ratepayers. The utility tax is a tax on the utility for the privilege of conducting business in the City. He stated that this utility tax relief program is available for residents who qualify for the utility rate discount program. Mr. Bailey indicated that qualified residents will automatically be enrolled into the relief program, and pointed out that the program is also available for those not paying the utilities directly.

Community Services Committee

Human Services: 2007/2008 Funding Criteria for CDBG & General Funds

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the funding criteria for the allocation of 2007/2008 Human Services funding, which currently comes from the General Fund and Community Development Block Grants. This is a test and the process will be reviewed prior to the next funding

cycle. These updated funding criteria will more effectively allocate scarce resources where they will do the most good, and will continue to best meet the needs of the community.

The funding criteria are as follows:

- 1) What Renton result(s) does the program requesting funding for address?
- 2) Do the identified strategies address the desired Renton results?
- 3) Do the identified activities address the identified strategies?
- 4) How well does the agency:
 - a. Demonstrate they have organizational experience and structure?
 - b. Establish the program need and identify the target population?
 - c. Define the program, goals, and staffing?
 - d. Articulate a long-range plan?
 - e. Show financial stability by having diversified funding sources; a complete, accurate budget; no serious fiscal issues; and serve a reasonable number of people for the funding requested.*

Councilwoman Nelson stated that the Human Services Advisory Committee will review human services funding applications based on the aforementioned funding criteria, which meet the recently identified needs of the Renton community.

***MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution #3812

Utility: Sewer Moratorium in East Renton Plateau PAA

A resolution was read establishing facts, extending a moratorium on sewer availability for new subdivisions within the East Renton Plateau Potential Annexation Area, and establishing a termination date for the moratorium of 12/5/2006. **MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

Resolution #3813

Vacation: N 38th St, Tasca, VAC-06-002

A resolution was read setting a public hearing on 6/26/2006 to vacate a portion of N. 38th St. between Meadow Ave. N. and I-405 (Petitioner James Tasca). **MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

Resolution #3814

Plat: Parkside, Blaine Ave NE, FP-06-047

A resolution was read approving the Parkside Final Plat; approximately 2.76 acres located in the vicinity of Blaine Ave. NE and NE 24th St. **MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

Resolution #3815

Finance: Fiber Optic Installation Projects Interlocal Agreement

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement, entitled "Addendum #26 for Sharing of Fiber Optic Installation Projects," with the City of Bellevue, City of Kirkland, Lake Washington School District, University of Washington, Bellevue School District, and Evergreen Hospital, to provide an alternative to the King County I-Net and to better serve additional areas within the City of Renton. **MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

Resolution #3816

Transportation: S 3rd St at
Shattuck Ave S, WSDOT
Grant

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for grant funding for planning and construction on SR-900 at MP 10.08 (S. 3rd St. at Shattuck Ave. S.). MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 6/12/2006 for second and final reading:

Budget: 2006, Appropriating
Funds for New Programs &
Projects

An ordinance was read appropriating the new programs and projects in the total amount of \$4,881,755 to meet the need of new circumstances and opportunities in the 2006 fiscal year. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/12/2006. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

Ordinance #5210

Utility: Billing Adjustments
for Water Leaks

An ordinance was read adding Sections 8-4-46 to Chapter 4, Water, and 8-5-23 to Chapter 5, Sewers, of Title VIII (Health and Sanitation) of City Code allowing certain water and wastewater billing adjustments for water leaks. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
AND ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 60 MINUTES TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION WITH NO OFFICIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING BE ADJOURNED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IS ADJOURNED. CARRIED. Time: 9:11 p.m.

Executive session was conducted. There was no action taken. The executive session and the Council meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
June 5, 2006